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SUBJ: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE: SPRING
WHEAT TEAM

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1. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR HORBALY AND ATTACHE MET WITH
DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV AND OTHER MINAG OFFICIALS AUGUST 7
FOR TWO HOURS TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF
SPRING WHEAT TEAM VISIT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AUGUST 18.
MEETING COMPLETED BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL.

2. HORBALY EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET POST-
PONEMENT AND EMPHASIZED HIGH US PRIORITY PLACED ON TEAM'S
VISIT THIS YEAR.

3. RONOY REVIEWED AGREEMENT IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY
NOTED LARGER NUMBER OF US TEAM VISITS RELATIVE TO SOVIET
VISITS TO US BUT ALSO EXPRESSED SOME DISSATISFACTION
WITH US TEAMS CONTRIBUTION TO MUTUALITY OF AGREEMENT.

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4. BOTH SIDES EXAMINED THE ADVANTAGES OF THE EXCHANGES AND PROBABLE CONSEQUENCES THAT MIGHT DEVELOP FROM PERMANENT POSTPONEMENT OF SPRING WHEAT TEAM VISIT.

5. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES RUNOV PROMISED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR SCHEDULING SPRING WHEAT TEAM THIS YEAR. HOWEVER HE REQUESTED TIME FOR HOLDING ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS WITH HIGHER RANKING OFFICIALS IN OTHMER MINISTRIES.

6. RUNOV AGREED TO ADVISE ATTACHE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF DECISION AND STATED TEAM TRIP WOULD PROBABLY START A LITTLE LATER THAN AGUUST 18 BECAUSE OF NEW APPOINTMENTS. US EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY FOR A QUICK RESPONSE AND AGREED TO ONLY VERY SHORT DELAY BEYOND THE ORIGINAL DATE.

7. AFTER DISCUSSIONS RUNOV VOLUNTARILY STATED THAT THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WOULD BE ONLY "AVERAGE" BECAUSE OF WIDE RANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS EXISTING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

8. IN VIEW OF STEPS TAKEN BY SOVIET SIDE WE SUGGEST WAITING UNTIL MONDAY FOR RESPONSE. EMBASSY PREPARED TO MAKE REPRESENTATION AT HIGHER LEVEL IF RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE OR INADEQUATE.
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